The Newsletter of The UnEarthly Children

The Children's Page

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"What's the hurry?"

NEXT MEETING: 2/5 of a good thing

Our next little get-together will be on May 10th at (you guessed it) the Northeast Public Library. This meeting will be rather different, however, in that Mike and Ted will be the only High Councillors present. (Without Cecily, Wil and Dorrie to hold us back, there's no telling WHAT we might do!)

This meeting, therefore, will be somewhat more casual and laid-back than our usual regimentation(?) We will be having the Mad-lib we were going to do last meet, as well as the usual rubbish (50-50, filks, disorganization, etc.) and a few surprises to boot. So don't miss this meeting; it'll be FUN, FUN, FUN!

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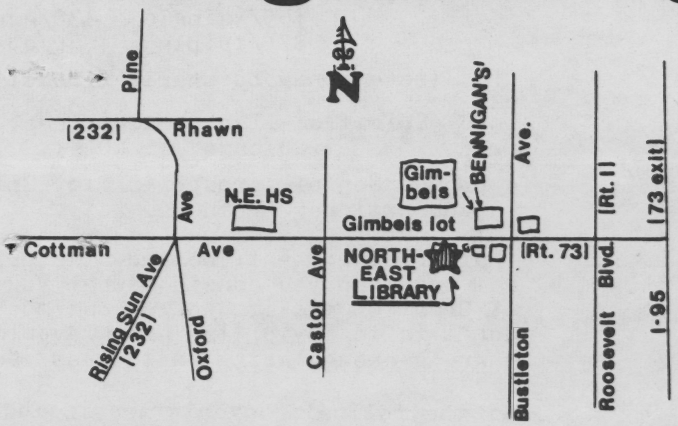

WHOVENT 86 —EAST—

Fri., May 23rd - Mon., May 26th, 1986 - Memorial Day Weekend

CONews compiled by Michael J. Cohen

Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick, New Jersey
(two blocks from the New Brunswick train station)

Confirmed Guests

COLIN BAKER (Doctor #6)
BONNIE LANGFORD (Melanie)
LALLA WARD (Romana #2)
JOHN NATHAN-TURNER (Current producer, DR WHO)
LOUISE JAMESON (Leela)
SARAH SUTTON (Nyssa)
MARK STRICKSON (Turlough)

Possible Guests

FRAZER HINES (Jamie McCrimmon)
CAROLE ANN FORD (Susan Foreman)
NICHOLAS COURTNEY (Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart)

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE is the official monthly newsletter of the UnEarthly Children. Dues are five dollars a year. Meetings are held monthly, usually on the third Saturday of each month.

The UEC is run by the High Council, which can be reached either by writing to: UnEarthly Children, Box 642, Richboro, PA. 18954, or by telephone to the following:

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Dorrie Sillman, Treasurer: (215) 357-7245
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and, though not on the High Council,
Cynthia Moreno, transport coordinator (CynDOT): (215) 322-1460

WHOVENT CONTINUED

1-day admission: $25.00 (any day Sat, Sun or Mon)
2-day admission: $32.50 (any pair Sat-Sun or Sun-Mon)
3-day admission: $37.50 (Sat-Sun-Mon plus bonus Fri panel)

cabarets: $20; $12.50 with admission on the day of the cabaret (cabarets are Fri, Sat, Sun eves, Mon afternoon)

luncheon: $25.00 (Sat, Sun or Mon; limited to 125 each day; buffet deli style; all guests will be present)

reception: $12.50 (Fri, Sat, Sun eves; cash bar; mingle with guests)

Cabaret will be presented at the George Street Playhouse, a short walk from the hotel. All other events will be at the Hyatt.

Room rates:

$65/ single $70/double
$75/triple $80/quad $15 for rollaway cot

(save money by sharing rooms!)

Info: Spirit of Light Enterprises, 4805 Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60641. 312-283 DWHO.

A production of Aerosports Ltd, Spirit of Light Enterprises and Ettinger Brothers.

(Editorial comment: We know the prices seem astronomical, but they're not bad when you consider what you're getting. Remember, three days of Creation tickets would cost $36, for maybe 3 guests. Even if you don't go to any of the extra events (cabaret, luncheon, reception), there's enough going on to keep you busy all day.)

All the following events are included with admission:

VIDEO ROOM will run evenings and overnight beginning Friday at 5 pm.

COSTUME CONTEST Saturday, 4 pm.

FILKSONG CONTEST Sunday, 4 pm.

GUEST PANELS beginning 10 am Sat, Sun, Mon; 4 per day.

TALK SESSIONS with individual guests, throughout the convention.

CLOSING CEREMONY Monday, 3 pm.

AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS throughout the convention.

One panel per day will be on a topic other than DR WHO; Spirit of Light are looking for your ideas. Send to SOL's address, ATTN: Main Panel Ideas.

Don't forget the Club Suite! A $3.00 donation entitles you to full use of the suite during con hours, over the entire weekend: munchies, soft drinks, a place to put your feet up and converse with other club members between events. The suite will be on the sixth floor of the Hyatt. Why spend $2.00 for a hot dog and $1.50 for a soda when you can use the Club Suite for just $3.00? Send your donation to the club address today! Additional optional donations of money and/or food will be gratefully accepted.

Note: Convention admission prices listed are for advance orders; tickets may be more expensive at the door.
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE UNEARTHLY CHILDREN. CHEQUES AND MONEY ORDERS MUST BE RECIEVED TO LATER THAN MAY 9th. NOTE THAT EARLY PURCHASE THROUGH THE CLUB ENTITLES YOU TO FIVE DOLLARS OFF THE ADMISSION PRICE ONLY (NOT CABARET, LUNCHEONS, ETC.), SO BE SURE TO SUBTRACT $5 FROM THE AMOUNT LISTED ABOVE.

YOUR TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR. TICKET ORDERS THROUGH THE CLUB MAY BE CONFIRMED BY CALLING 215-357 7245.

THE UNEARTHLY CHILDREN
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WHONews

not by Shelby Wintergreen or any other alias

The latest news on the Doctor Who scene is more details on the "Doctor Who USA Tour". A 48' trailer loaded with goodies from the Blackpool Exhibition left England for Washington, D.C., on April 18. The exhibit will work its way across the US over the next two years, coming through Wilmington, DE, on June 4 & 5 of this year, and through Philadelphia on June 7 & 8. Then the tour goes through New Jersey, northeast PA (in Bethlehem on June 21 & 22 at the Westgate Mall off Rt. 22), and into New York. The trailer will be set up in Central Park, NYC, around the beginning of July. Monarch International, the US sales agent for BBC Enterprises, is trying to get Peter Davison and John Nathan-Turner to open the show in NYC.

The trailer will contain animated figures from the program, with special lighting and sound effects. Bessie, the Doctor's yellow roadster, will travelling with the trailer, to help publicize the tour. The BBC will also be peddling a "new and exciting range of BBC merchandise". The suggested admission price is $2 for adults, $1 for kids.

Okay, that was the good news--now for the bad news. The tour is supposed to be handled by each city's PBS station, but there is a major snag in Philadelphia, namely where can you park a 48' trailer for a week-end in Center City AND expect several thousand people to be able to see the exhibit? As of 4/25, there was no word from WHYY concerning their participation in the tour. (Presumably this will affect Wilmington, also.) Obviously, we would all like to see the tour, but since the PBS stations are being asked to find the site, staff the exhibit, and foot the bill, the decision is rightfully theirs.

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In case you're interested, Lionheart Television International has been bought by BBC Enterprises. What does this mean for the future of Doctor Who vis a vis the local PBS stations? Stay tuned.

Funny Big Blue Box
(to the tune of "Yellow Submarine" by Lennon/McCartney)
by Ted Slampyak

Near the house where I grew up
Lived a hermit under a tree.
And he taught me lots of things
Where there's life, there's hope for me.
So I stole a Type-40
To seek out my destiny
And I landed here on Earth
And things got a whole lot worth--uh, worse.

(CHORUS)
We all live in a funny, big blue box
A funny big blue box
A funny big blue box
We all live in a funny big blue box
That often pings and knocks
Funny big blue box

Many friends have lived aboard
Mostly one-by-one, but some in hordes
They barge in, or stow away

(CHORUS)

All the monsters run in flocks.
He's so crazy, but like a fox.
Silly clothes, and curly locks
in a funny big blue box.

(CHORUS, REPEAT TO FADE)

UECNews

THE UNEARTHLY CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Forget what you may have already read, this is the real scoop:

The 2nd annual birthday party of the UnEarthly Children will be taking place on Sunday, July 27, from 11 am to 6 pm at the Wrightstown Grange Fairgrounds, off Rt. 413 north of Newtown, Pa. (For those of you who attended last year, this is the same location.) We are planning to serve lunch, show videos, perform skits and songs, and play outdoor games, including, hopefully, a cricket game. In addition, we have some special events planned, one of which is a pie-throwing auction to raise money for the club. (We feel that the chance to throw a cream pie at your favorite(?) High Councillor will, unfortunately for the throwees, attract a lot of interest.)

You and your guests are cordially invited to spend the day with us, to join in the merry-making and frivolity. We had a good time last year, and your presence will make this party even better.

There will, unfortunately, have to be a small admission charge, which will include lunch. We are suggesting a donation of $3 per person. Larger donations will be gratefully accepted.

If you would like to get more involved, we welcome your assistance with open arms and great sighs of relief. We can use volunteers of all sorts: food-makers, creative performing types, people with extra money, or your basic beast of burden. To volunteer for something:

call Cecily @ 215-355-3992 if you would like to present a skit, etc or have any questions

call Mike @ 215-322-1677 if you can provide muscle

call Amy @ 215-364-1279 (between 5 & 7 pm only, please) if you want to bring food

We can also use games such as volleyball, coolers, lawn chairs, etc etc. We will set the ball rolling, but we need you to pick it up and run with it. See you in July!

Also in the UECNews: The first-ever initial premiere inaugural number-1 unprecedented original UnEarthly Children meeting held on New Jersey soil was conducted on Saturday, April 26, in Mt. Laurel. We thank Mary Anne and Brian Cooper, who were most kind in volunteering their abode for said gathering. Though we have no follow-up meetings concretely planned yet, we believe the idea is long overdue and plan on similar meetings on a regular basis in the future.

Just in.... Protesters today gathered to demonstrate outside the UEC embassy. The demonstrators were criticizing the UEC's alleged involvement in last year's Halloween party. President Wil Shrader denied the accusations and told the shouting protestors repeatedly to shut up and let him finish. There were no injuries.

THE APRIL MEETING: SO LITTLE TIME, SO MUCH TO DO...

by Michael J. Cohen

It was a programming coordinator's dream. For the first time, we actually had more activities planned than there was time to fit in. An enviable predicament!

On-the-spot pruning of the schedule, in order to wrap the meeting up by 4 pm, seemed successful, judging from the response of those who attended. We began with the usual announcements, notably the very latest tentatively-tentative, semi-pseudo-official Spirit of Light news (see CONews). This filibuster was followed by episode 1 of "Slipback", the BBC DOCTOR WHO radio series.

After the radio show, we sold tickets to the now-obligatory 50-50 raffle, as well as signing up club suite users and getting our Bennigan's dinner orders sorted out. The winner of the raffle was first-time attendee Jim Parks, who exulted, "This is the first time in my entire life I've won anything!" He took home $19.00 -- not bad, eh?

Four months having elapsed since the previous one, which had been well-received, I ran another story improvisation. The story, ad-libbed by panelists Dave Feldman, Andrea Cherry, Dave Smith and me, involved the sixth Doctor and Jo Grant pursued by the Master, Daleks and Autons through Macy's department store while trying to exchange one another's Christmas gifts. There were some truly inspired bits, but in the main, the four of us learned how long five minutes can take to elapse.

The final formal programming item was the UEC premiere of Tom Beck's sketch, "It's Not Nice to Fool Rassilon." The skit, chock full of deliciously bad puns and whimsical speculation, was performed by our version of the Not Ready For Prime Time-and-Space Players: Tom, Steve Cluck, Peggy E. Seymour, Ted Slampyak, Dave Smith, and introducing Cynthia Moreno as the Doctor.

Fifty-one members attended the meeting, including a horde of first-timers. We welcome you and hope you enjoyed your initiation to UECdom. The turnout for Bennigan's was larger than we expected, and many of us resorted to off-colour notes scrawled on napkins in lieu of conversation.

We weren't really expecting much of a turnout at the meeting due to the late mailing of the newsletters, nor were we sure we had enough to sustain a meeting, but when the chips are down, it's in the cards that the UnFarthly Children will come through. Remember: our next meeting's the 10th, and we want to see you there. 'Til next time... a dream goes on forever.

Volunteer Notes

Michael J. Cohen

Thank-yous are in order for UEC members who worked the DWFCA festival in Trenton:

Gail Daltry, Dave Feldman, Rick Greene, Mike Halliday, Cynthia Moreno and Dorrie Sillman.

We also thank our members who worked the Festival for other clubs.

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If you're a New Jersey Network viewer, you saw UEC volunteers working with volunteers from the Prydonians of Princeton on the 26th of April. Sorry we didn't let you know about this one in advance, but as we were sharing it with the Prydonians, the volunteer list was cut in half and filled up very quickly. There are more PBS fundraisers coming up this summer; if you want to be on the list, call me evenings at 215-322 1677 (or leave a message on the machine).

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We're still looking for volunteers for Whovent '86 East. Volunteers must pay admission on the day they are working, and will work a total of three hours: two for Spirit of Light and one in the Club Suite. Some form of compensation will be arranged. Call 215-322 1677 to volunteer. It's fun.

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Our volunteer list for the Birthday Party (27th July) is nearly full, but a few slots are still open. This is a good way to get started volunteering for the club, and should be a lot of fun. If you'd like to help us out, you know where to reach me! (Contributions of munchies, outdoor game equipment, etc. would also be appreciated.)

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I hope you'll find something on this list that you think you'll enjoy. If you have ideas of your own, please don't hesitate to call (or write, to the club address, if you're long-distance). I look forward to hearing from you!

Andrea

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Q. Why is it that members travel from Allentown, PA, Delaware, Northern New Jersey and other great distances to attend meetings, while members who live a few blocks away never show?

Anyone knowing the answer to this question, please let us know: we have no idea!

Remember: If you'll need, or would like to offer, rides to club events, please call CynDOT (Cynthia) at 215-322 1460.

The Ballad of Wilford the Short

There was a young chap name of Wilford
As a costume contestant quite skilferd
At the last Trenton show
Up on stage he did go
In the authentic costume he pilfered

Ron Katz (the MC of the show)
Heard a call from a voice full of woe
The Tardis it shook
"My costume he took!"
Said the Doctor, who surely should know

The Doctor cried, "Someone's a crook!"
And Wil very guilty did look
On stage Pat appeared
In a towel and a beard
To snatch the sartorial shnook

It was just as the charlatan feared
His cute little scheme had been queered
Pat was enraged
And the bouncers were paged
While the audience hooted and cheered!

The other contestants, upstaged,
Looked happy when Wilford was caged
Surrounded by foes
He surrendered his clothes
While the audience looked on amazed

What was in Wilford's mind heaven knows
At the last crucial garment he froze
In pants there he stood
It would do him no good
He must strip from his head to his toes

The bouncer asked Wil if he would
Take the pants off right there where he stood
But the Doc saved his pride
When he dragged Wil inside
While we wondered if it was for good

The the Tardis doors opened up wide
And a "No" sounded from deep inside
When the Doc chased him out
Wil was running about
In shorts of bright red
And not one extra thread
Not to mention a good place to hide.

mainly by Amy Sutter with a little help
from her friends (Cecily, Peggy, Ted, Sydney, & Jim)

My First Time

by Kim Hoffman

It was something I'd always heard about but never thought it would be something I'd do -- much less take part in. Some of my friends who have done it kept telling me everything I've been missing, especially about what goes on afterward. Finally I decided "What have I got to lose?" So, after a phone call to Betsy I realized I'd probably enjoy myself. I decided to attend my first meeting.

I met lots (okay -- 5) new people, and it was wonderful seeing some old friends again.

I never knew quite what to expect, but Mike and Ted made me feel at home, which helped me to loosen up as well.

When I wasn't busy laughing at jokes or sneaking into the library gathering stuff for a thesis, I was watching a video (no longer the norm, but it was still fun playing "Name That Chest"), filling out questionnaires that I forgot to turn in, losing in the 50-50, and listening to Wil and Mike talk about upcoming cons and things gone by.

Dinner was another meeting in itself. Feeling quite comfortable with everyone, I actually began to make jokes about zippers, mud wrestling, and whoever and whatever else came to mind.

They say the first time is the best, but here's hoping they get even better for me as time goes by.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If any of the above (zippers, mud wrestling, etc.) is unknown to you, then join us at Bennigan's after the next meeting. You'll learn soon enough!

EXTERMINATE

lyrics by Michael Jeffrey Cohen
to the tune of "Love Me Do" by Lennon/McCartney

Exterminate
In you we create
A nonliving state
We e-e-e-exterminate

(repeat)

Inferior
Beings we slay
We seek to rule
But we obey

Exterminate
We'll wipe clean the slate
Your image negate
When we e-e-exterminate.

(thanks for the harmonica solo, Ted.)

Who's On Third©

by Ted Slampyak

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DOCTOR?
WELL, JO, YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN SLAVING OVER THIS CONSOLE TRYING TO GET IT WORKING AGAIN!
I'VE BEEN SLOWLY OVER-COMING THE TIMELORDS' BARRIERS, BUT THERE'S ONE SECRET I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER--
--HOW TO GET THIS @!??@$!! CONSOLE BACK IN!

fellow fan clubs

We know many of you are interested in learning more about other clubs in the area. The following clubs are highly recommended. All have regular meetings and newsletters, and dues for each club are $6 annually.

The Prydonians of Prynceton
Gallifrey East
359 Nassau Street
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 921-8148
meetings on first Saturday of each month

The Jersey Jagaroth
14 Mills St. #2
Morristown, NJ 07960
(201) 326-8839
meetings on second Saturday of each month

Gallifreyan Embassy of Long Island
232 Hoke Ave.
Oceanside, NY 11572
(516) 766-6127

TARDIS Tours
P.O.Box 1064
Bethlehem, PA 18016
(215) 868-8342

WHO wares

The following items are available by mail order:

Logo T-shirt, white on black, sizes S, M, L, XL, $6 each plus $1.25 p&h

Police Box T-shirt, white on royal blue, sizes S,M,L,XL; $6 each plus $1.25 p&h

Buttons:
GOD SAVE THE DOCTOR (in Olde English script)
BRING BACK COLIN
JAMIE: KILTED WONDER
I SURVIVED VALLEY FORGE
each $1 plus $.30 p&h. If you order buttons with a T-shirt, you can save the $.30 postage costs for the buttons.

We also have some exclusive photos of various stars. Please inquire.

The UEC Logo button can be obtained by new members by sending a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope or with merchandise ordered. Or it can be picked up at the UEC table at cons or our monthly meet.

Send your check, payable to The UnEarthly Children, to:

UEC Merchandise
P. O. Box 642
Richboro, PA 18954

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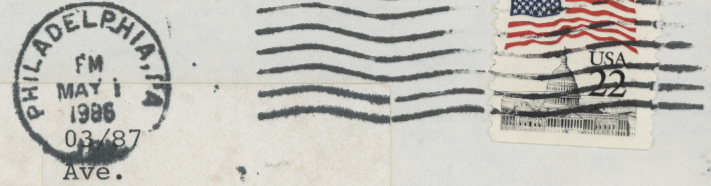

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